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Application No.: 10/809,244

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: NETWORK DEVICE, CARRIER MEDIUM AND  
METHODS FOR INCREMENTALLY  
UPDATING A FORWARDING DATABASE  
THAT IS SPLIT INTO A BOUNDED NUMBER  
OF SUB-DATABASES HAVING A BOUNDED  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2007, applicant has been required to elect one of the following two groups of claims pursuant to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group 1: Claims 1-7; and


Group 2: Claims 8-24.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 2 without traverse, and hereby cancels the claims of Group 1 without prejudice and to pursue in a related application. Claims 8-24 remain pending. A listing of the claims consonant with the foregoing election is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 501914 for any fee due in connection with this response

Respectfully submitted,

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